

Mayor's Corner

October 2017 Edition

Fall is in the air as we begin to feel temperatures dropping bringing with it cooler evenings and wonderful fall days. Fall sports and activities are in full swing and it is exciting to hear whistles blowing and the lights on at the football stadium and fans cheering at the softball stadium.

City Hall continues to be running at a very fast pace led by our fearless leader, Steve Seller's. I believe the count is up to 27+ projects that have been completed this year alone and many of these projects are related to the infrastructure promise that was made to you the voter's to make improvements via through the bond that you passed to get our city back up to where it needs to be. We have a lot of work still to do, but as many of you have seen, we have a number of newly paved streets, storm water projects that have been worked on and a water looping project being completed. All of this in addition to grant projects such as the lake project where new docks, pavement, restrooms, and roadwork have all been completed. These various grants have helped us to utilize existing city and bond monies for so many other infrastructure projects. Additionally, MDOT has agreed to resurface the shoulders from Casey's to 69 Hwy at their expense. I have asked MDOT to consider resurfacing the shoulders from Casey's to M Hwy next year. This would be a wonderful path to be able to bike and run safely on a paved surface versus the broken up surface we have today. The asphalt projects are completed for 2017 but there will be some striping that is still to be completed on Pennsylvania as well as on 184th street and Salem. The asphalt streets are a significant improvement and our goal is to continue these efforts in 2018, 2019, & 2020.

I want to give a special shout out to the Parks & Recreation group for the work they recently completed to the stage in the city park. If you have not seen the roof extension that the group put on, please go take a look. This will help keep our performers dry if there is inclement weather and makes the esthetics of the stage look even better. Great Job! Additionally, I want to personally thank Steve Sellers as well as the works department for staying up very late the evening prior to our homecoming parade to place barricades along the parade route. The barricades help to keep onlookers safe and made for an enjoyable event. The crowd was large and the floats were wonderful.

As we move into October you will hear more information regarding the possible sale of our Water and Sewer assets to Missouri American Water. An opportunity like this does not come along frequently. The ability to be able to turn existing assets into an income producing opportunity while putting the burden of important utilities such as sewer and water on the shoulders of professionals who understand and are experts in this field is significant. This is truly something that can propel Lawson to new heights and further allow us to focus on building on infrastructure improvements with additional streets and storm water projects while focusing our efforts on building commercial and residential opportunities. I encourage you to attend the upcoming town hall meetings and city council meeting to hear more and ask questions about this important opportunity for our town.

Finally, as a reminder, the City Wide clean-up day is Saturday October 14th. This is a great opportunity to get rid of unwanted stuff and clean-up the area around your home to help make Lawson a beautiful town. The drop-off location will be at the public works facility from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm.

- October 14th – City Wide Clean-up day
- October 23rd - 6:30 pm City Council Meeting

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor